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## VIRGINIA HOUSING COMMISSION

Housing & Environmental Standards  
General Assembly Building; House Room C  
June 2, 2009 1:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Senator John Watkins (Chair), Senator Mary Margaret Whipple, Delegate Glenn Oder, Gary Garczynski, Jerry Wright, Neal Rodgers, Ed Rhodes, Emory Rodgers, Brian Bunive, Michael Toalson, Sean Farrell, Art Lipscomb, Chip Dicks, John Jordan, Ted McCormack

**Staff Present:** Elizabeth Palen

1. **Welcome and Call to Order-Senator John Watkins (Chair)**
  - Meeting was called to order by Senator Watkins at 1:15 P.M.
2. **Jack Frye – Division Director, Soil and Water Conservation, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation**
  - Presented “Runoff Reduction for Stormwater Management” (see handout).
  - **Michael Toalson:** *Expressed concern to the subcommittee that the regulation is fundamentally flawed in addition to its methodology. He expressed concerns that there will be devastating economic consequences and encouraged the workgroup to pay very close attention to this issue.*
  - **Senator Mary Margaret Whipple:** *Could you clarify the fundamental flaw?*
    - According to Mr. Toalson and Mr. Frye, the model does not give enough credit to previous efforts.
  - **Delegate Glenn Oder:** *Referenced slide #6 when articulating his concern regarding the novelty of these regulations. Requested engineering examples in order to further evaluate the proposed regulations.*
  - **Senator Watkins:** *Is roof runoff included in the new regulations?*
    - Yes, but there are no incentives for roof runoff.
  - **Senator Whipple:** *There are many ways to reduce the usage of potable water. While it is true that many years ago that point source was the largest source of pollution, we have fully funded all the point source items we needed. The fundamental point is it is less expensive to keep water clean than it is to clean dirty water.*

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3. **Scott Kudlas – Director, Office of Surface and Groundwater Supply Planning, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality**
  - Presented “Water Conservation and Re-use in Virginia” (see handout).
  - **Senator Watkins:** *Expressed concerns regarding the idea that a combination of regional plans would be used instead of a statewide project plan.*
  - **Senator Whipple:** *How much water does Virginia use per capita in comparison to other western states?*
    - Virginia uses 100+ gallons per day, whereas some western states use approximately 40-45 gallons per day.
4. **Wes Kleene – Director, Office of Drinking Water, Virginia Department of Health**
  - Provided status and update of Interagency Guidance Development (see handout).
  - **Senator Watkins:** *Are we required to abide by the federal definitions of human consumption?*
    - The federal definition covers public water systems, not private, which are likely to be covered by water codes.
    - **Michael Toalson:** *Has there been any discussion regarding the use of free waster that might flow into a public sewer system?*
      - In that case, there would need to be two sets of pipes: one for human consumption and one for non-potable needs.
    - **Brian Buniva:** *Have there been any calculations of implementation costs?*
      - This is one of the issues that the Virginia Department of Health has been wrestling with, but there are no calculations to date.
5. **Emory Rodgers – Deputy Director, Division of Building and Fire Regulation Department of Housing and Community Development**
  - Provided update on sprinkler system and carbon monoxide detector requirements (see handout).
  - Code and Standard meeting is June 22, 2009.
  - The board will have a public hearing on July 27, 2009 with a 60-day public comment period to follow.
  - **Senator Watkins:** *With regard to the carbon monoxide monitors, is there any delineation for heating systems using fuels such as wood?*
    - Yes.
  - **Senator Whipple:** *Has the bill that gives prospective homebuyers previous years’ energy bills to estimate costs been assigned to a workgroup?*
    - Yes, the Housing and Environmental Standards workgroup.
  - **Senator Whipple:** *Requested that Elizabeth Palen and Chip Dicks consult with one another to determine who would bear the responsibility for giving prospective homebuyers previous energy bills.*
6. **The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.**